

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indicated allowance of claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 12, 14, 16-20 and 32, on page 2 of the Office Action mailed November 2, 2006.

However, the Examiner has noted that claims 22, 26-31, 33 and 34 are withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention, and has required that Applicants cancel the non-elected claims.

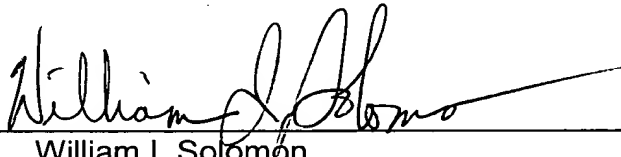
In order to comply with the request by the Examiner, Applicants are canceling claims 22, 26-31, 33 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer, and in particular without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

In view of the foregoing, only allowed claims remain in the above-identified application. Accordingly, passing of the above-identified application to issue, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance, in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.16. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout and Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case: 1303.39636X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

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